

# WIFE SAVERS

By Mrs. Mary Morton

## ANNUALS FOR FLOWER GARDEN

Annuals suitable for the flower garden are many and varied. For fall flowers for the background of your garden I would suggest the following: Nasturiums, annual sunflowers, cosmos, African marigolds, spider plant (cleome), plummy celosia or coxcomb, clumps of sweet peas and the flowering tobacco, particularly Nicotiana glauca for a bold, tall group.

For masses of color, plan for petunias, zinnias, marigolds, calendulas, phlox, verbenas, stocks, asters, salvia, and poppies.

allysum, dwarf nasturtiums, lobelia, dwarf marigold, ageratum, Virginia stocks, and forget-me-nots.

For long-stemmed flowers for cutting, use asters, calliopsis, mourning bride or scabiosa and cosmos.

Shorter-stemmed flowers for cutting: Marigolds, snapdragons, calendulas, sweet peas, annual chrysanthemums, bachelor buttons and sweet sultans, ten-weeks stocks and gypsophila.

A fairly well balanced border for your flower garden, furnishing flowers for all purposes, would contain the following: Asters, bachelors, bachelor's buttons and the sweet sultans; coxcomb, the plummy varieties; wallflower and cristata sorts; the annual pinks, California Shirley and other annual California poppies; sweet alyssum, ageratum, phlox Drummond, calliopsis, flowering tobacco, summer cypress or kochia, portulaca, sweet peas, zinnias, cosmos, annual larkspurs in variety, calendula, French and African marigolds, petunias and ten-weeks stocks.

Spanish Rice.—One cup cooked rice, three-quarters can of tomatoes, seasoning one green pepper, mild York state cheese. Wash thoroughly a large

cup of rice, put to boil in an open kettle with six cups of boiling water (slightly salted); boil rapidly for twenty minutes. Remove seeds and soak the green peppers in cold water until crisp. Put into a baking dish a layer of rice, then tomatoes, sprinkle with salt and pepper; slice cheese and green peppers quite generously over this. Repeat until dish is full. Use quite a lot of the juice of the tomato so it will not be dry. Bake nearly an hour or till cheese is melted and top is brown.

A mirror in the kitchen will prove a blessing. If one does one's own work a hurried look into the glass will show just how badly the hair is out of order when the bell rings.

**Cheese Cakes.**—Two tablespoons butter, three and one-half tablespoons flour, four tablespoons American cheese (grated), whites three eggs, one-quarter teaspoon salt, few grains cayenne. Melt butter, add flour, and stir until well blended. Remove from range and add cheese, salt and cayenne. Fold in whites of eggs, beaten until stiff, and drop from tip of spoon on a buttered sheet one inch apart. Bake in a moderate oven 12 minutes.

**Stuffed Figs.**—Mash cream cheese, moisten with heavy cream and season highly with salt and cayenne; then make into balls three-fourths of an inch in diameter. Wash and dry figs, make an incision in each, and stuff with cheese balls. Arrange in piles on a plate covered with a lace paper doily.

**To Avoid Splitting Wood.**—Before attempting to drive a nail through wood you fear will split, first push the nail through a cake of soap. You will find the nail will go through quite easily with no danger of splitting the wood.

**Savory Dinner.**—A one-dish dinner is a boon to the busy housewife. This, with the Hungarian pie, makes a hearty dinner. A simple salad or radishes and green onions may be added to the menu. Wash a bunch of celery and cut into eight-inch lengths. Wrap about the celery about three pounds of round steak. Season and tie. Around this in the roaster put six small onions, six potatoes and four peeled turnips. Add one quart water and bake in a hot oven one and one-half or two hours. Baked apples are delicious with this and may be baked at the same time.

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# SPOTLIGHTS ON SPORT

by JACK KEENE

Turf followers who have seen in Memoriam in his workouts at Church Hill Downs say the 3-year-old wonder of last season is going to have as great a season as a 4-year-old. His battles with Zev the coming summer should furnish as many thrills as they did last season. In Memoriam has filled out more—seems to be in better shape to stand a grueling race.

Followers of the fortunes of the International league players and teams see a better race ahead this season than has been witnessed the last few campaigns. Jersey City and Newark, the weak sisters, apparently have been strengthened considerably and they, as well as Reading, should give Baltimore and the other more formidable teams a merrier battle this year. Spencer Abbott is given credit for having worked wonders with the material at hand in Reading.

The passing of Elmer Smith from the major leagues last December drew considerable criticism on the heads of the major league managers and magnates from some sources. Smith had earned the reputation of a slugger, a game wrecker, during a rather hectic career in the big time. He had won immortal fame by slamming out a home run with the bases full in a world series for Cleveland.

When the Yankees turned him over to Louisville as part of the deal for Earl Combs, the young Colonel outfielder, not another big league club objected—or refused to waive on him. Now, apparently, the judgment of those who should know was right. According to word emanating from the Kentucky city Smith has hit the skids, temporarily at least. His batting has been, but fair against right-handers and atrocious against southpaws. An indication of the lack of confidence placed in his hitting is seen in the recent action of the Colonel manager in sending in a pinch hitter for Smith. This is an awful comedown for a slugger of "Smittie's" reputation.

Apparently Smith is on the downgrade—a tragic figure in some ways. As brilliant a hitter—at times—as the game has known. A sterling outfielder when himself. Yet a victim of a disposition that hung like a millstone about his neck.

The Eastern league fans may well take to calling the Pittsfield team "The Little Giants." Billy Gilbert, old time Giant second baseman, is building up the Pitt team and has already received considerable help from John McGraw so far this spring. Pitchers Webb and Roemer, Catcher Florence and Outfielder James, after showing their stuff to McGraw down south, were farmed out to Gilbert's outfit.

The fans certainly are seeing a great brand of baseball these days. Some of the bugs at Newark, N. J., got so worked up over a ball game there that they jumped out on the roof of the players' dugout to "cut loose," and crashed through the roof, injuring three persons below. Frank Kane was the innocent cause of the accident. He slammed a two-bagger that gave the home team a 6 to 5 victory over Buffalo.

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